

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF )  
Nicholas Andrew Murray Drought ) Examiner: Rakesh Kumar  
SERIAL NO.: 10/531,137 ) Art Unit: 3654  
FILED: September 16, 2005 ) Customer No. 23644  
FOR: Apparatus for Releasing Tablets from a )  
Blister Pack )  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

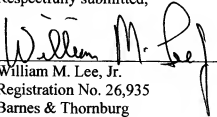
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months to respond to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006.

Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than October 4, 2006.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$1,020.00 should be deducted from Deposit Account No. 12-0913.

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Respectfully submitted,



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